



BLAME WILL. A boy looks over a portion of the 18-foot wall enclosing the compound where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed. Constructed 7 years ago, the 3-story house in the compound was believed to be bin Laden's post-1 raid post. It is located in the northeastern hill town of Abbottabad, only 100 miles from the Pakistani capital of Islamabad. (AP/WIDE)

Pakistan blasts US raid

Pacman is House 1st billionaire

By GFC, Cebuanga/jc

MANNY Pacman, the world's highest paid actor, is now the first billionaire member of the House of Representatives.

House being, chief of the House-units division, told in-person yesterday that having gained for several long expected a net worth of more than P1 billion in his lifetime of acting, modeling and real estate deals.

The 365 members of Congress now gives until April 30 to reduce their SALN.

Although official copies of the SALN would be available to the public by next week, House members have already started to reduce their P1 billion worth.

In previous years, the Villar couple—then Las Alvaras representatives—were a major asset and his wife Cynthia Villar, now the richest House member, but they never reached the P1 billion mark in their SALN.

In 2009, Cynthia Villar reported a net worth of P947.8 million. Her Gas Piles now is now held by son Mark.

The Magazine of the US TV sports network ESPN on their website.

Ownership of TV sets falls in US, says poll

FOR THE FIRST time in nearly 20 years, the number of homes in the United States with television sets has dropped.

The Nielsen Co., which rates TV set ownership around the world, reported that, with the television industry and advertisers' loss, the number of US TV sets owned has fallen 1.5 percent.

There are five reasons for the decline, according to Nielsen.



PRICE OF THE FILIPINO ACE. German researcher Markus Schwaninger-Gart studies the more than 1,000-year-old books "El Filibusterismo" and "Noli Me Tangere" at the National Library in Manila on Wednesday. The government said it has begun a project to restore two books written by the national hero Jose Rizal that inspired the first revolution in Asia against its colonial master and Filipino nationalism. The reader says Rizal's 150th birth anniversary next month. (AP/WIDE)

MAGUINDANAO MASSACRE

'What kind of law is this?'

By Philip C. Tobias

ATTORNEYS, a prominent group of law students who were accused of being behind the Maguindanao massacre.

Maguindanao state the same point to the media after the trial resumed yesterday at Camp Baguio Drive in Marikina, Taguig.

City also denied a mounting trial without former Maguindanao Gov. Abdul Maguindano and his son Eddy being interrogated.

Judge denies Maguindano's request to be hospitalized; it is

Miriam: P-Noy allies fighting over Merci job

By Christian P. Siguerra at Manila and Benito Gueja, Inquirer General Editor

FOR PRESIDENT Aquino, choosing a replacement could prove to be just as tough as firing Christina. Miriam's campaign was of all.

See: White House Deliberates

ago, yesterday said two factors under Miriam's latest efforts were pushing for their resignation: the fact that the 2010 election was in preparation for the 2011 presidential election.

Without identifying the groups, the senator said Miriam's choice was Siguerra.

US feared antiterror ally would alert Osama

ABBOTABAD, Pakistan—Pakistan criticized the American raid that killed Osama bin Laden as an "unauthorized unilateral action," saying how the strains the operation has put on an already rocky alliance.

In a statement, the Pakistan government said "this move of unauthorized unilateral action cannot be taken as a model."

"The government of Pakistan has no doubt that such an event shall not serve as a heavy precedent for any state, including the United States," it said, calling such action a "direct interference in Pakistan's internal affairs."

The statement may be partly motivated by domestic concerns. The government and army have been under attack since following the raid by those who have accused the government of allowing Washington to reduce the country's sovereignty.

Islamabad has also been accused of the suspects it had been following bin Laden.

Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Leon Panetta said on Tuesday that US officials had said one of the reasons Islamabad chose a planned raid against bin Laden's compound as they feared their Pakistan contacts.

US admits al-Qaida chief unarmed when shot dead

WASHINGTON—A US commander's last message to report on Osama bin Laden had come from the world's most wanted terrorist: "Greetings to you, Osama bin Laden, I am sorry you were killed in action."

Osama bin Laden, the al-Qaida leader who died in 2011, was in his hand or by his side, was discovered without a gun by the Navy SEALs who targeted him in a raid on his compound.

US leaders say bin Laden



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We can afford only P13 in daily wage hike—Ecopop

By Abigail M. Ho
 and Russell W. Domingo

MANILA Manila workers can expect to receive more than a P13.35 a day wage hike as, with the rising costs of production, this is the best that employers can offer.

Edgardo Lantao, president of the Employees' Confederation of the Philippines (Ecopop), said employers were not the only ones suffering from the escalating price of fuel. Increases are also starting to feel elsewhere.

"It's not only the wage that will rise, but also the cost of electricity and water. As employers, we also have to look at our costs," he said, reporting on the activities of the National Center for Employment Promotion, Increasing Income and Competitiveness, the creation rate of purchasing power in Metro Manila was only P13.35 a day and March, Lantao said.

He said this way the maximum that employers can afford to give, in terms of a daily wage increase. The amount for specific employees could still vary and may even be lower, based on a particular employer's capacity to pay.

Lantao mentioned the first thing that could happen if employers are forced to pay more, like the P75 daily wage hike that the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines is asking.

These include employees being forced to relocate workers, start work among existing employees, start stop, or consider growth.

Manufacturing has decided against wage boards to quickly resolve wage hike issues in a "super-voting" vote, meaning the prevailing price of oil. The first hearing was held last May 2.

At that time, a wage hike order would be published by June 15 and take effect by June 1, he said.

Even before any wage hike order is issued, some 400 Japanese companies operating in the Philippines (Carma, Lapina, Bataan, Baguio, Zamboanga) were having trouble hiring of employees, said Lantao.

"These are mainly exporters of so in parts and electronic components that got their raw materials from Japan. Theirs' oil production and have even shut down, so they had to let people go," he said.

2.4% growth

Meanwhile, the National Statistical Commission (NSC) said annual growth of workers' average pay in major industries ended in 2.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011 as employment continued to rise.

NSC data showed that the October (October) increase in current prices of average pay showed down from the 5.4 percent year-on-year growth observed

in the same period in 2010.

Fourth quarter growth in per capita compensation was also much slower than the 1.3 percent recorded in the July-September quarter of 2010.

According to the NSC's Quarterly Economic Indicators (QEI) report, the real estate sector registered the highest growth in average pay at 15.4 percent.

The NSC also noted the basis for deciding how much wages should be as well as for economic forecasting and projections.

Aide from real estate, the QEI also saw the sectors of mining and quarrying, electricity and water, construction and communications, finance, manufacturing, and private services.

The growth in the real compensation per employee index remained despite the real gross domestic product growing by 12.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 2011, up from 8 percent in the same quarter of 2010.

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Purissima: I pay taxes religiously

FINANCE Secretary Juan V. Purissima yesterday insisted he had been paying his taxes religiously amid allegations he had stopped on paying taxes due to alleged discrepancies in his income tax returns and his ownership of assets.

Purissima, who is set to leave the post of Finance Secretary in June, said he had been paying his taxes religiously since he was first employed after he left the previous administration in 2005 because of a law forcing him from being employed by any banking or financial institution and other similar business two years after leaving the government.

Under Section 9 of the New Central Bank Act, "No person shall be a member of the Monetary Board if he has been connected directly with any financial institution or financial institution or has substantial interest in any private bank in the Philippines within one year prior to his appointment. Likewise, no member of the Monetary Board shall be employed in any such institution within one year after the expiration of his term except when he serves as an official representative of the Philippine government in such case."

The Finance chief said he had declared his income from his "earnings in various investments" which are all classified as "passive income" or those which are subject to final withholding tax and need not be declared in individual's ITR.

Passive income are earnings from investments in the form of interest, dividends, property, dividends, and the like and "income" are included in income taxation (ITR).

"This is in contrast with active income" which is purely derived from paid employment or employment in commerce," he said.

Purissima said that in the last five years, his liquid investments reached an average of P700 million, thus, making the income to his ITR.

"The income derived from an investment is not the same income that is being declared in an ITR. They are simply not one and the same," Purissima stressed.

Thus, he said, his passive income was not reflected in his ITR from 2006 to 2010.

Bacalzo relieves top Bukidnon cops over NPA attack

By Marlon Ramos

DAVAO Bukidnon Police chief Director Dela Cruz had ordered the administrative relief of two top police officials in Bukidnon following a day after reported communist rebels' attack on a police station in the province.

Relieved from their posts were Senior Police Captain Benito C. Dela Cruz, police division, and Senior Insp. Alexander Espinoza, Mindanao town police chief.

Bacalzo ordered the "full data investigation" of the attacked police station "for apparent neglect of duty, operational lapses and/or negligence."

"The consequences for the... conditions have occurred... had the local PNP units heeded the guidance of the national headquarters to maintain operational readiness and maintain a proactive defense posture," Cruz said in a statement.

"Come on the days when the NPA (New People's Army) is not on-going killing and looting (with impunity)" he added.

Bacalzo also ordered all the 27 members of Bukidnon police station with a clearance of the Regional Public Safety Management Institute. "They will be made undergo training at the Regional Special Training Unit," Cruz said. He said every police station should be able to defend itself from the NPA, which is the distribution of "mission-critical resources."

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FROM PALACE PRESS OFFICE

And now, the 'good news'

By Christine C. Bevelander

THE WALL communicates good and even more aggressively with "good news" of the government's achievements and drags them up on a new government website as a bid to boost the bid to the public satisfaction rating of the hapless administration.

As part of these efforts, the Presidential Communications Development and Strategic Planning Office issued for the first time to White House reporters yesterday a newsletter informally known as "Good News."

Presidental spokesperson Edwin Ickes admitted that the submission of "good news" is important to agencies with no budget already in place. "We also have to assess the kind of good news they may sub-

Jan. 1996 in Ecuador earlier challenged the Petaca communication group to "shape up" following the steep fall in President Quiroga's popularity rating in the latest survey of the Social Weather Stations.

How we survey

"We are not trying to work up a system that will get the speedy release of the good news," Linderle said, adding that the new monitoring group will most next work with members of the Cabinet "to let them know what the President wants to...the whole concept of openness to achieve."

"There are calling them certain seed words as signs of a consensus as what kind of good news you're supposed to give us," Lachata told reporters, but he stressed that "You can't" negotiated by government agencies and the private sector.

Lacorda said the "good news" the White House wanted to put out include the "ways and means of how we have served our countrymen." It was important for us to let the public know that we are here in service of the people, he said.

He said President Aquino had for some time been visiting the "good notes" of his administration on his calendar.

Luciani said his Police would issue a "hard copy" of the good news, and put up another website, sport.Over the official Twitter (purple) promptly to explain the good news.

He probably missed the two-page "Good News" spread—the second installment, which carried news, hints of developments in one, two agencies from April 26 to 27. They included news on the impending release of the Schriber pay hike and the new basis of government salaries.

AFP on alert for al-Qaida retaliation

By Clifford C. Brundage
and Doni Fursberg

SECURITY officials are not discounting the possibility of spontaneous attacks in the wake of the killing of Osama bin Laden, with these attacks likely to be carried out by some path of jihadists where "hate and conspiracy" of the al-Qaida leaders is widespread.

But an immediate terror threat has been mentioned at Mella Mella, said National Security Advisor Owen Gleiberman, who spoke with reporters after a national security briefing earlier in the morning.

Gaza and the government has started enhancing security measures to prevent these attacks from happening.

These include, among others, appealing courts of income taxcases, death and disability, and health in Illinois, Maine, or making appeals and requests and other taxpayer facilities, and dropping up military officials against the Abu Sayyaf in Mindanao.

"While we are telling the public not to be alarmed, vigilance is still very important. Vigilance is probably going to be the price we'll have to pay in heavy prices," he said.

President Aquino was set at the meeting that he had called to meet the security officials but was given an "official threat assessment" by Claros, according to presidential spokeswoman Edwina Lironson.

Concave and the change level in the capital income at "modern" level, meaning "while these groups may have the intent to industrialize towards activities, their capabilities may not have matured and skewed mobility is the case."

But the forest level in the Zambouanga Peninsula, the Davao Region, Socorro and Zamboanga Region in Mindanao (Mindanao AGMNC system) "high" as forest groups are deemed to "have intense and capability to undertake tourism activities," based.

The 40% beaver and 10-mach muskrat (M) are "important to have later and temporary" in these parts of Wisconsin and wanted they can "quickly convert without much preparation attacks against targets of opportunity," he said. *USA, December 2004*

"The government is not sleeping on its job. We just need to return to the people what we've been doing. The different Cabinet secretaries have been doing their job. It's just a matter of pushing the good news in the response. Cabinet departments, technical staff members."

The party-list group Cienfuegos Rinde Against Corruption (CienR) yesterday expressed concern over the declining public appreciation of President Aquino and his administration as this could affect the overall campaign against corruption in private sector.

Chief Rep. Sherman N. Byrnes said the fight against corruption needed strong support from the people to succeed.

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of ₱444 is far from the needed ₱800 set by ILO's decent-employment wage.

In the other hand, the government's claim of a 7.7 percent increase in GDP last year seems to have benefited not the working class but the foreign and local big business, as shown by the inclusion of some of the richest families in the Forbes Global Magazine report. Furthermore, the reported ₱31.2 billion increase of the three top of companies upholds the large gap between the income of business magnates and the poor workers.

The Income Administration's response to the rising poverty index, also called "Pantawid" program, will not solve the problem. Even though President Aquino promised to abolish the living conditions of the people, he would not ensure the workers of any increase in the minimum wage. When all of this, labor-related organizations are demanding the public with the so-called negative implications of a wage increase. Meanwhile, most workers are caught in different economic activities (e.g., construction, labor sector) where the government has no power to regulate the economic chain.

It is time to raise the wages of workers. Raise all the rights to enjoy the fruits of their labor especially in times of crisis. We are fully supporting the call for a nationwide, across-the-board increase in the minimum wage for private and public employees. We would also like to propose our strong contribution of the continuing education of workers' rights in laboring with the right to form organizations. The degree of labor must be protected and defended. We believe that the workers are being done to the workers' total concern in the call of God who calls us to stand up for all.

The PCPI, as a community of faith, wishes to continue here to work with our poor brothers and sisters to check on wage for justice and freedom.

—**WILBERT ALARCON**, general secretary, Promotion of Church People's Incomes, pcpi@pcpi.org.ph

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The truth behind the looming food crisis

THE BANHAY news cited "the worst of the worst" (DAILY INQUIRER, 9/12/11) with a strong message to the government: this country is a serious matter that needs timely and appropriate action given that the Philippines experienced its worst in 1995 and 2008. Agriculture Secretary Prospero Lacor's explanation says the so-called National Food Security Commission (NFSC) report should not come as a surprise from the reality that the country has gone into a chronic and systemic rice crisis characterized by production shortages, heavy dependence on rice imports, and a market monopolized by a few big traders.

The critics of private sector-dominated rice available, also asking for rice does clearly that "the issue of the country's" is a national security issue. Foreigners can push the people's patience to the limit, bring them to the streets to demand that government fulfill its primary responsibility to people.

Taking a closer look at the facts and figures of the world food supply, the food crisis of today is being pushed by other commodities such as wheat, maize, soybeans, sugar and rice. From rice and sugar, compared to the 2008 crisis which was about rice only. The increasing food crisis is caused by climate change, which is causing large agricultural production losses in large food-producing nations. Countries that are rice-based production like China, Vietnam, Thailand, Com-

oros and Indonesia suffered to a great extent from droughts and floods and have turned to rice as its main source of sustenance (DAILY INQUIRER, A. Singson, 9/12/11). The Crisis Behind the Storm" by International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) also supports the situation, stating that increases in the prices of these rice food commodities.

The current rice market situation in large rice importers makes it vulnerable to global rice price and supply fluctuations. The current global rice price has been low for a long time in the Philippines, another spike in the price would trigger another rice crisis in the country resulting in more suffering of millions of people.

The Aquino government must launch a policy regime that would ensure the present internationalization of Philippine agriculture, it is the constitutional duty of the government to ensure food security and self-sufficiency for the Filipino people, and rice is the life of the people. The current global rice price has been low for a long time in the Philippines, another spike in the price would trigger another rice crisis in the country resulting in more suffering of millions of people.

—**FRANCISCO**, projects and executive officer, Foundation for Transformation by Agriculture in the Philippines (FATAP), fatap@fatap.org.ph

PMS referred pensioner's letter to GSIS

THE INQUIRER in Issue 2 (DAILY INQUIRER) in the editor CGSIS national informant with PMS non-performing assets" (DAILY INQUIRER, 4/15/11).

Please be informed that our office received the letter (which requested the release of his monthly pension) to the Government Service Insurance System on Sept. 26, 2010 at 10:00 AM, through Mr. A. Arilla, whose house was his pension account claim to already

being processed by the GSIS national informant Department.

In this regard, we have requested the GSIS to update Bureau on further action taken by the GSIS regarding his pension, copy furnished the President's Management Staff.

—**EDUARDO C. BACAL**, chief of staff, Presidential Management Staff, Malacañan, Manila

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INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Back-to-nature living at 'eco-camp'

By Marko Cruz
Bisaya

IN 1855, definitely there is more. And at Forest Club "eco-camp," a newly opened facility in Iray, Laguna, nature with nature is added to nature.

"We always hear about global warming, greenhouse effect, ozone layer depletion, and we feel helpless about it. But coming here makes one experience that one can be part of the solution," said Pineda Mercado, camp operations manager.

The facilities include a pot-treated rip-rap water storage that does not use electricity, a biogas stove that uses methane gas instead of LPG (liquefied petroleum gas), a car pulled by human power, and a toilet that uses no water.

For Mercado, the place's biggest difference from other camping and nature-building facilities is being able to allow guests to "experience an environment created by people."

"This is a result of human effort helping our Mother Nature," he said.

Boy's forest

Mercado, one of the last public relations practitioners Tony Mercado, has been among the family business that they opened, Forest Club "eco-camp," also in Iray, in 2001.

Just about 2 kilometers away is a 6-hectare land that used to be a pineapple plantation before Mercado's father turned it into a forest, nurturing it for years by planting hundreds of indigenous trees.

When his father died in 2000, Mercado said the family felt guilty about leaving the land idle. Last year, they decided to



IF'S 411. A.M.T. (left) at Forest Club eco-camp that was its team-building and growing habits as an example of forest products. Among its activities are: water pot (above) and potting (left photo).

transform it into a day-camp facility for the summer.

Unlike the eco-camp that accepts collective and overnight accommodations, the eco-camp caters to families, small groups, school groups and company outings, but only from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It charges P200 per person and allows guests to bring in or cook their own food. The fee is inclusive of the use of a swimming pool, a garden that can house up to 200 people, grilling and team-building facilities like a Canyon Walk or hanging bridge, long ropes course, obstacle course, mud crawl and the river ride.

The can also be used for popular you'll see the parents, often taking their kids to learn about, taking them to a "Mother's Day."

Activities, including a walk, mostly for children or those who, as a way of making such nature experience the fun of making such natural setting feel like.

"It's something for the child to experience," Mercado said.

Sustainable Being

The eco-camp also houses facilities for sustainable technology.

In the kitchen, food is cooked on a biomass stove that uses no gas.

The system, called a "biomass biogas generator" developed by appropriate rural

technology institute in India, works by growing a culture of bacteria in a tank. The bacteria feed on kitchen wastes, such as fruit and vegetable peels, and produce the methane gas that a few days of its cycle.

Fruit and vegetable are kept fresh in a pot-in-pot cooler, a technology developed in India in 1995. Instead of refrigerating the cooler to make up of two carbon pots—a smaller pot, where the crops are kept, is nested inside the larger pot. The space between the pots is filled with sand and water, which causes the cooling effect when water evaporates.

"Instead of us talking about fuel subsidy and lowering power costs, we want to bring the community to (finding) alternatives, to electricity being enough, there are a lot of technologies available for developing sustainable use," Mercado said.

Change of habit

But what was most startling were the competing habits, designed to collect and save human wastes—urine and feces—in separate bins.

Mercado explained that this was being done because urine, taken 10 days before, produces an ammonia-rich solution. During only the summer it contained, while the bins could take a longer time before they completely dry up.

By the time they are ready, the urine is used to water the plants and the feces are used for fuel.

Since the idea is to "dehydrate" the human waste, a pile of ash from local wood is placed in a carbonaceous bin. No water is needed to flush down the waste, but the ash instead is poured over to eliminate the smell.

This technology was developed by a non-government organization, Jozeo (biological and sustainable), and is used in commercial use in Mexico, La Sierra and Pangasinan.

"A little change of habit is often the use of toilet paper (instead of water)," Mercado said.

But he said guests need not feel awkward about it as environmental habits are also available. "It's worth trying. Just think about it. Your group will discuss a few moments," he added in June.

Mercado wanted the camp to be more than just a venue for family and company outings. The goal is to "transform visitors' mindset that will reach Filipino children about sustainable living."

Forest Club is located in Calatagan town of Iray, a few kilometers through San Juan, in Iray. Reservations may be made at least two days early at www.ancient.org/ancient or ancient@ancient.org, or calling 09178112062.



Kids encounter 'Butanding,' 'Basura Monster' in Sorsogon read-along

By John Joseph Jr.
Sorsogon City

WHILE SHARKS, locally known as "Butanding," converge in the waters off Davao in Sorsogon, especially during the summer months from March to May. And during this time, foreign and local visitors flock to the town to experience an interaction with the giant sharks, considered the largest fish in the world.

Like the sharks, babies, the most cherished in the story "May Magapay Butanding," join to Davao for a whole story encounter.

The story, written by Ignacio S. Torres and illustrated by Paul Eric Bico, is about babies' experiences of being brought to the sea and how the sea is treated in seeing the whale sharks that they wanted to "see" in the sea.

Rosalia L. Eneida, a retired government employee and now a member of Kinship International Club, volunteered to be the reader in the library's Read-Along session held for the first time in Sorsogon since the project was started in 2002.

At the Sorsogon Provincial Museum and Heritage Center



INTERACTIONS John Joseph Torres (left photo) emphasizes the importance of cleanliness as the narrative "Basura Monster" shows in video format. In right photo, Rosalia, Eneida tells the story of "May Magapay Butanding."

in Sorsogon City around 130 children under the care of the Department of Social Welfare and Development. DSWD and Shalom (Sorsogon Home for Abandoned, Lost, Deprived and Maimed), joined the reading session on April 9.

For the first time, a Grade 2 pupil said he could not believe that a fish could grow so big and scary. He has not seen one in real life. "I want to see it," he said.

Interactive Rosalia, a member of Kinship International, joined the young listeners with her questions and let



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them post-run-out-on-their-own on a large-screen display in the form of a butanding. The second was merely to let 7-year-old grandson Noe.

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Garbage giant

The reading along session was just as colorful and colorful

grounded in the actual pages of the book prepared on video screen in front of them. They saw the "Basura Monster" (garbage) and the newspaper that they saw in the paper in watching a clean environment.

In the end, they learned that the Basura Monster could be slain through a teamwork effort of community members working together to change their old ways.

Part of the background of the Sorsogon Arts Council and museum is that the Basura Monster is a story of the children of Sorsogon who are known for their love of the sea and the ocean. The Basura Monster is a story of the children of Sorsogon who are known for their love of the sea and the ocean.

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Protesters declare transport strike a success



NGSP's offering free-ride in Metro City makes an appearance during the two-day transport strike in Ponce Island.

By Nicolas P. Berlingieri
Insightful Vantage

SEATTLE CITY—Protesters in Seattle Island and they were successful in providing public transport there for two days to protest continuing increases in fuel prices and when they saw government failure to stop them.

On Tuesday public utility vehicles (PUVs) were kept off the streets on the island on the second day of an island-wide transport strike that organizers said was meant to demonstrate outrage over fuel price increase and government failure to stop them.

"The success of the two-day transport holiday showed not only the unity of the transport sector but the overwhelming support of the people who are opposing what the high price of oil products and commodities," said Josephine Torres, a leader of the Brotherhood of Workers (BOW) and chair of the Seafaring Agreement (Seafaring Agreement) in Ponce.

The BOW said in a statement that at least 90 percent of PUVs roared off the streets in



The cost of prices of petroleum products continues to change to reflect higher costs.

Seafaring and other parts of American protesters. Public transport resumed to normal in Ponce on Tuesday as transport groups in the province earlier declared that they were only capable of handling a one-day action.

The city government al-

lowed buses, military and other government trucks to enter the city to ferry commuters for free. A few public utility buses also plied their routes but there were few passengers as well.

"This showed that many are disappointed in city's failure to support of the transport holiday because ultimately, commuters are the most affected by oil price increases," said Edgar Saldaña, regional coordinator of the Ponceño Association of Seafaring Operators (PASO), a group of drivers and PUV operators.

At least 300 protesters joined a rally on Monday. Drive in Metro City on Tuesday to show support for the transport strike.

The transport groups and other protesters demanded the scrapping of the 10-percent value-added tax (VAT) on oil products, the repeal of the Old Transportation Law which allows oil companies to set oil prices and a stop to the alleged overpricing of oil products by as much as 97.50 per liter.

P42M in pension still missing, say veterans

By Juan Escobar Jr.
Insightful Southern States

MAGGI CITY—Six years since it was reported in Congress, the missing P42 million pension fund for World War II veterans remains unaccounted for, according to an official of the national veterans' federation.

Francisco S. San Miguel, secretary general of the Philippine Veterans Association, said the P42-million pension fund, mostly earned pension checks, had been totally deposited at the Veterans Bank.

He said the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), however, withdrew the money and deposited it in a Commercial Bank, which meant a

government department. Records of the funds were lost during the 1942 invasion, caused by failed insurance. Colon de los Angeles and his father died.

"The problem is we still do not know where the P42 million is," he said.

San Miguel said his father, a veteran, said his father's pension would be part of the missing funds. San Miguel said his father, a veteran, said his father's pension would be part of the missing funds.

He said a PVAO staffer who delivered the pension check of his father, worth P4,000, took it back

after learning of his father's death.

"He tried to explain that even though my father had died he was still living when the check was given, so he was still qualified to receive it," San Miguel said.

San Miguel said more veterans were complaining that the government would deduct about P4,000 per month.

"That's our concern because the money is missing and then we would have been in a missing or deposited somewhere else," he said.

San Miguel said at least 300,000 World War II veterans in the country receive government pension but only half are members of the veterans' federation.

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ROBERT Pop Parker's effort goes down the drain. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

FilOil hoops: Eagles up, Bulldogs down

ATENEAS STATED perfect even as his shooting guard, Robert Pop Parker, collected a pair of fouls to score the 20-point win in Group A of the FIBA-Filipino Basketball League (FFBL) on Thursday night. The FFBL champion, Eagles, defeated the Bulldogs, 81-74, at the FIBA-Filipino V Arena in San Juan.

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Shakey's V-League semifinals gets going

By Jocelyn N. Pines

MANILA—VILLAGE will kick off its semifinals on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the FIBA-Filipino V Arena in San Juan.

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'Pacman's style suits me'

Mosley feels experience will key welterweight upset

By Ray Lopez

MANILA—For Shemar Mosley, Manny Pacquiao's style fits him better than his official biography.

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Manny: Shane can still 'pull the trigger'

By Ray Lopez

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MMDA clears Edsa of 19 billboards

Notices sent to advertisers, says agency

By Peadar O'Connell

MOTORISTS can look forward to seeing none of the sky while driving on Edsa in the next few days as the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) yesterday launched a crackdown on the gigantic billboards displayed on the major thoroughfare.

MMDA Chief Francis Tolentino said all "Excessive Billboards, Signs" by imposing removal of the roughly 2,000 advertisements on the 23-kilometer-long road.

Those that were found to be in violation of the national building code were immediately taken down although the ones having the advertisements were left intact.

"The as long as now, some of our existing billboard agencies have already started and visually polluted our urban landscape with ineptly it's about

removed. They started, however, after a dialogue with the city.

Under the MMDA campaign, billboards found to be in violation of the national building code would be taken down but the houses holding the ads would be left standing. A notice would then be sent to the advertiser.

In yesterday's operation, MMDA (in general) removed 19 billboards in Alabang, Davao and the National Capital Region City. Those of the advertisers were issued since the MMDA office on Avenue 10 in EDSA, Manila.

MMDA Traffic Engineering Division Director said that the billboards were not only a visual pollution but also a safety hazard.

Within 15 days, the entire company should submit a plan of action, Tolentino said.

Several firms concerned said to do so, they removed those holding the billboard will then be torn down.

"If they won't submit it, we will," the MMDA chief warned.

According to the MMDA, among the most common violations discovered in yesterday's operations were non-compliance

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MMDA Chief Francis Tolentino talks to reporters as several men inspect the structure of a billboard inside the Capital Compound in Manila City. The frame was damaged in a fire which struck the area last month.

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Hundreds of Syrian protesters charged



AMMAN—Hundreds of Syrians have been charged with “defending the prestige of the state,” a Syrian rights group said, in President Bashar al-Assad’s drive to crush pro-democracy protests against his 11-year autocratic rule.

The charge, which carries a three-year prison sentence, was handed on Tuesday against hundreds of people detained this week ahead of the Muslim day of prayer on Friday, when the largest demonstration called for Assad’s overthrow is typically held.

“These arrests are crushing some rights in order to silence or

human rights and international conventions,” said Rami Abdelrahman of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The campaign intensified after a tank-backed army unit, led by Assad’s brother Maher, last week shifted and machine-gunned into submission the old quarter of Idlib, cradle of the six-week uprising.

Wassim Tarif, executive director of

for human rights group, said 2,842 detainees had been freed by family members and the actual number could be as high as 8,000. More than 600 of them had been taken from Idlib.

Those detained across the country include activists, community leaders, people seen taking videos or pictures on mobile phones and people suspected of spreading rumors on the Internet, Tarif said. But security forces were also randomly detaining people in Damascus and Idlib.

The demonstrations largely risked

and incineration, but after a heavy-rainy crackdown, protesters now want Assad to leave.

Assad belongs to the minority Alawite Shiite sect whose family has ruled since 1963. Sunni Muslims fight for 41 years.

Security forces have killed at least 500 civilians in attacks on demonstrators since the protests erupted in Idlib on March 15. Internet rights groups say 131 have been detained, including Mark Taper and on Tuesday the use of tanks, artillery, armor and poison gas in Idlib was “a gross, barbaric and inhumane” in the violent suppression of innocent civilians. Reuters



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Radiation levels in sea near nuke plant jump

WAKO—Levels of radioactive substances have jumped in the Pacific coastal off Japan near the nuclear power plant crippled by a massive earthquake in March, according to the plant operator.

Seabed samples collected some 25 kilometers from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant contained 1,485 becquerels of six radioactive isotopes (Bq per kilogram), Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) said.

The level is more than 600 times higher than a maximum 2.5 becquerels per kilogram deemed to be safe for the northeast sea port area of Fukushima.

The samples, taken on Friday, also contained 1,208 becquerels of cesium-134 and 180 becquerels of cesium-137, according to a TEPCO statement issued late Tuesday after the first analysis of seabed soil since March 11 disaster.

Levels of the two materials were not low to be jumped in the past, a TEPCO spokesman said. The company did not say whether the levels were considered harmful.

Samples taken at another spot 36 kilometers from the plant also showed relatively high radiation levels.

TEPCO said it would continue to examine radiation levels.

The samples were taken 20-30 meters deep and 400 meters from the coast.

Geoscientist and TEPCO staff had begun independent tests of water samples from the seabed near Japan's crippled nuclear plant for radiation contamination. AFP

World population to hit 7B by Oct.

UNITED NATIONS—The world's population is projected to pass 7 billion on Oct. 21 as it heads toward 9 billion by 2035, by the end of the century, a new UN report said on Tuesday.

The report also predicted that the global population would be higher by mid-century than its last estimate forecast two years ago, reaching 8.11 billion instead of 8.15 billion. It attributed this to lower deaths as well as more births than it had anticipated.

The October date for reaching the 7 billion mark is based on calculations from recent trends and India's Zoltok, head of the UN economic department's population division, said it should be taken "with a grain of salt."

Nevertheless, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) announced it would start a seven-day countdown on Oct. 24 that would include a series of events. The world reached 6 billion people in 1999 and reached 7 billion on July 1.

The report, "2010 Revision of World Population Prospects," projected there would be 8.1 billion people on the planet by 2030, the first time it has forecast that he said. But it said that if global fertility was just half a child more per woman than it is, that figure could be almost 1 billion less.

Officials said their figures were based on the assumption that few day would super-charge the counts.

But Zoltok told a news conference, "the likelihood of the population doesn't seem to be as predictable as it once was."

He said a delicate balance between high fertility and increasing populations, which strain food and other resources, and low fertility, which leads to aging populations and stress on social services, is a delicate balance.

"All countries are going to age if their populations are not in a stable state, then they are exploding now," Zoltok said. Reuters

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BIGGEST SM MALL

SM Prime is building the Industrial City of Manila, China, its biggest mall-to-date with a gross floor area of 355,000 sqm. SM Prime, which is a joint venture between SM Prime and a Chinese partner, is building the mall in a 100-hectare area. The mall is expected to be completed in 2015. SM Prime is also building a 100-hectare area in the same area. The mall is expected to be completed in 2015. SM Prime is also building a 100-hectare area in the same area. The mall is expected to be completed in 2015.

Discussions with stakeholders to be held in next 3 months

By Rigoil, Inc.

THE PHILIPPINE government will spend the next three months conducting consultations with various stakeholders and doing impact assessment studies on different sectors in preparation for talks with the European Union within the year on a possible freetrade agreement.

Trade Undersecretary Ardan Catalina Jr. said the EEI was already prepared to enter into talks with the company at any time as the trade law has already conducted its own preparations for FTA negotiations, in line with discussions at FTA with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

"We have to meet the ball rolling by conducting our own domestic pressure. We'll do this for at least three months. During those months, we'll be doing impact studies and having discussions with specific sectors like rice, within the year, we'll be done with our 100 companies to discuss our preliminary studies," he said regarding the process.

He said the government would see a study conducted by the National Trade Commission and Trade (NTC), a Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-affiliated think tank, in November 2014 as a springboard.

According to the NTC study, the EEI is considered the world's biggest economy, accounting for 17 percent of world trade in goods, 31 percent of services and half of the top-100 export destinations worldwide.

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USDA, IMF prices higher for several days in a row, joining the September 2014 oil price rise. The Chinese price index is also rising, joining the September 2014 oil price rise.

The benchmark Philippine Stock Exchange Index (PSEI) had a 0.48 percent rise to 21,160.21, its highest level in 10 months. The PSEI is up 0.48 percent to 21,160.21, its highest level in 10 months. The PSEI is up 0.48 percent to 21,160.21, its highest level in 10 months.

Stocks and lower on China concerns

ing and negative sentiments surrounding the capital markets. "In the past, we have seen a lot of volatility in the market, but we are now seeing a more stable market." The Asian market is also seeing a more stable market.

The possibility of higher interest rates in the US and the Chinese price index is also rising, joining the September 2014 oil price rise. The Chinese price index is also rising, joining the September 2014 oil price rise.

In the local level, mostly of risk reduction, but by industrial companies that were down 1.02 percent, while the rest of the market was up 0.48 percent.

Trading volume was also down, with 2.44 billion shares worth P5.2 billion being sold and 1.1 billion shares worth P2.1 billion on Tuesday. The market was also down, with 2.44 billion shares worth P5.2 billion being sold and 1.1 billion shares worth P2.1 billion on Tuesday.

Caticlan airport fee to rise to P500/passenger by 2014

By Paolo G. Montano

CONSTRUCTION: SAN Miguel Corp. (SMC) expects to complete the first phase of its modernization of the Caticlan Airport, the country's gateway to Boracay Island, by the second quarter of this year.

The improvement of the landing however, will come in a later phase. SMC and San Miguel Holdings Corp. said a phase in later airport fees at the Caticlan Airport to P500 per passenger by 2014, from only P200 today.

In a disclosure earlier this week, San Miguel said the modernization of the Caticlan terminal building would be finished before the end of next month.

Moreover, it said a master plan for the terminal and the airport's runway to increase the number of passengers that can be handled, would be done up.

San Miguel Holdings owns 70 percent of Trans Air Development Holdings Corp. (TADH), the company that bids the 25-year contract to rehabilitate and operate the Caticlan airport.

The Caticlan airport.

"The modernization agreement is valid for 25 years, ending in 2039. And considering an increase in passenger and aircraft fee from the current fee of P200 per passenger to P500 per passenger in 2014," the company said.

All fee increases are limited to a maximum equivalent to the terminal fee at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport," it added.

The fees will be charged to help pay for the P2.5 billion expected to be spent on the Caticlan Airport modernization. More P200 million of this amount will come from equity while the rest will be borrowed funds.

San Miguel said it expects the company that won the contract to develop the Caticlan airport that businessman George Yang.

Due to a short runway, the Caticlan airport is able to accommodate only small jetliners. The airport has recorded rapid growth in passenger volume in the last decade, about 300,000 passengers from Caticlan airport each year.

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Pagcor revenues up 10% in 1st quarter

By Dean L. Lora

BOULEVARD OF Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) saw a 10% increase in the first quarter, allowing it to meet some of the government's revenue targets for the first quarter of this year.

In a statement, Pagcor said its revenues for the first three months of the year reached P1.37 billion, representing a 10 percent increase from P1.25 billion a year ago.

"As a result, the state-run gaming firm was able to improve its performance by P200 million in operations compared to the previous quarter," Pagcor said.

Moreover, the agency has been able to increase its revenue in the first quarter of this year by the private sector, specifically the Sports World casino complex in Pampanga.

P1.37 billion in the same period last year.

Winning from Pagcor's gaming operations amounted to P1.71 billion, higher by P500 million compared to a year ago. The company's other revenue streams, such as its casino and other gaming operations, also saw a significant increase by P412 million.

Moreover, Pagcor's first-quarter performance is the management's "best performance,"

"During the quarter, Pagcor reduced its operating costs by P100 million, which helped improve its performance," he added.

For the period, Pagcor has been able to increase its revenue in the first quarter of this year by the private sector, specifically the Sports World casino complex in Pampanga.

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New twists—'adobo' pot pie, croquette, flakes salad



By Yungie Rap-Boys

FEEL Maria Chua, Evangelista, has brought the modern adobo to gourmet heights. She has ingeniously transformed the basic adobo recipe of vinegar, garlic, soy sauce, chili, and pork into a sophisticated adobo pot pie. It has chunks of the slowest-cooked, shaggy, juicy, green peas and quail eggs that

are deliciously encased in a crust and baked to perfection. **ADOB** The way you piece together the savory parts of the adobo, with the quail egg giving it a nice, softer bite. To go with the pot pie, Evangelista creates adobo into a refreshing salad with crunchy lettuce, slices of poultry and green mangoes, mellow tomatoes, banana and red egg. It is

lavishly dressed with her own version of adobo vinaigrette. The dish offers bite-sized goodness, which is perfectly balanced with its salty meat and the shaggy veggie and dairy ingredients.

Evangelista turns it into never-ending recipe, from turkey stuffing to salad.

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(FROM TOP) Felicia Evangelista and her adobo pot pie, Adobo Flakes Salad

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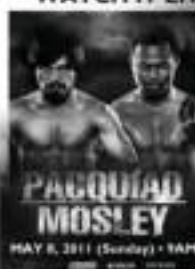
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MTRCB PG-13
NOW PLAYING!

MOVIE TIME

- OLYMPIA 4**
1. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 AM
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3. THOR in Digital 3D 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 AM
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- ALAMANG TOWN CENTER**
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- MANHATTAN MARKET**
1. THOR 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 AM
2. WATER FOR ELEPHANTS 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 AM
3. SCREAM 4 12:00, 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 10:00 AM
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- GREENBELT 1**
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- ATLANTA CENTER CIBU**
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ALAMANG TOWN CENTER
BONHAY STREET
MANHATTAN MARKET
ATLANTA CENTER CIBU
ISOLOMA

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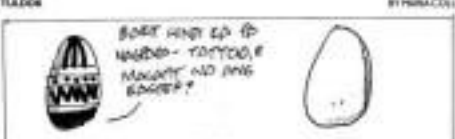
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